

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

FRANCIS J. BUTTA,	:	CIVIL ACTION
Plaintiff,	:	
v.	:	NO. 19-675
GEICO CASUALTY COMPANY,	:	
Defendant.	:	

**CONFERENCE ORDER**

AND NOW, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2019, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a **SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE** in the above-captioned case will be held on **November 8, 2019 at 9:30 A.M.**, before the Honorable Marilyn Heffley, United States Magistrate Judge, U.S. Courthouse, 601 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106. The courtroom will be assigned prior to the conference date.

- Please notify the Court if settlement is not a real possibility.
- The conference will not be held unless counsel has clients with **full and complete** settlement authority physically present for the duration of the conference. **Full and complete authority means the party's representative must possess authority consistent with the most recent demand.**<sup>1</sup>

Please complete the attached confidential settlement conference summary and either fax it to Chambers (267) 299-5053 or e-mail it to [Chambers.Heffley@paed.uscourts.gov](mailto:Chambers.Heffley@paed.uscourts.gov) on or before **November 1, 2019**. These submissions shall be submitted to the Court only, and should include a candid discussion of the submitting party's strengths and weaknesses as well as an offer/demand settlement proposal. **This document is not to be shared with opposing counsel nor filed of record. It is for Judge Heffley's eyes only.**

BY THE COURT:

*/s/ Marilyn Heffley*  
MARILYN HEFFLEY  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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<sup>1</sup> Parties include all persons, corporations or other business entities, and insurance companies with an interest in the case, and each entity with an interest in the case must attend the conference. In the case of corporate or other business entities, the corporate official with ultimate settlement authority is required to attend. Where an insurance company is involved, a representative with full and complete settlement authority is also required to attend.

**CONFIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE SUMMARY**

**CAPTION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DISTRICT COURT JUDGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TRIAL POOL DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **JURY / NONJURY (Circle One)**

**COUNSEL ATTENDING SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Client: \_\_\_\_\_

**CLIENT ATTENDING SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE:**

Name of Individual with full and complete settlement authority who will be present at the settlement conference (include company and position where applicable):  
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**MOTIONS PENDING:**

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**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS:**

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**PRIOR DEMANDS/OFFERS (include demand/offer dates):**

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**ATTACH SYNOPSIS OF CASE** (The synopsis will include a candid discussion of the submitting party's strengths and weaknesses in the case as well as an offer/demand settlement proposal and **IS STRICTLY LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN FIVE (5) PAGES.**)